

Save Energy, Save Your Community



Wednesday, 6/24/09

9:30 AM Welcome and Introduction – Henry Fischer, President, NREDA

9:45 AM Great River Energy's LEED Platinum Building

Get a preview of coming attractions through the short video that introduces Great River Energy's new headquarters. You will learn about the sustainably designed workplace based on system-wide efficiency. Every component is synergistically integrated for triple bottom line efficiency – economic, environment and employee friendliness.

10:00 AM Sustainability in Design and Development – Green is Good
Douglas Pierce, AIA, LEED AP – Perkins + Will

Mr. Pierce is the lead architect for the Great River Energy headquarters. Hear how this project is one of many that the architect and sustainability professor has worked across the globe on sustainability projects. From Sri Lanka to Maple Grove, Minn., Doug Pierce, puts sustainability first in design and architecture. Learn how he interconnects workforce considerations, the environment and the economy.

11:00 AM Modernizing the Electric Grid – A "Smart" Way to Use Energy –
S. Massoud Amin, D.Sc., University of Minn. Director, Center for the
Development of Technological Leadership

Recognized as a national expert on Smart Grid, Dr. Amin lectures at MIT and testifies on Capitol Hill. Hear his description of how smart a Smart Grid needs to be in order to be efficient. With a background in complex dynamic systems that are flexible, secure and capable, Dr. Amin will share his expertise on the changes that are on the way as we revolutionize energy monitoring and delivery.

12:00 Lunch Buffet



**12:30 PM Apple Valley, MN – Blueprint for the Energy Efficient Suburb
Mayor Mary Hamann –Roland**

The city of Apple Valley, MN has a visionary Mayor already committed to significant improvements in energy efficiency as part of a broader effort to make the city more sustainable. The fact that there are just four city council members also makes it a place where change can happen relatively quickly where there is momentum and commitment. Apple Valley is served by Dakota Electric, one of GRE's member electric cooperatives, and is usefully representative of a typical suburb around a major metropolitan hub.

**1:30 PM An Eagle's Flight: A Community's Story of Sustainable Community
Development – Michael Fischer, AIA, LEED AP, LHB Corporation**

Wabasha, MN is located 70 miles southeast of Minneapolis/St. Paul on the Mississippi River bordering Minnesota and Wisconsin and is home to the National Eagle Center. The people of Wabasha are committed to preserving their heritage, while still planning for the future. Hear how this one project is part of a larger community plan that will incorporate sustainability planning and a concept of integrating natural assets into community image and sustainable development.

2:45 PM You Speak Up

Share what you are doing in your business, non-profit, or neighborhood to promote sustainable development, energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy. This is a town hall time for you to give and get ideas.

3:15 PM LEEDing the Way: A Tour of the Award Winning Facility

The Great River Energy headquarters facility is a LEED Platinum Certified building capturing many aspects of sustainability and energy efficiency. The whole systems approach to building design and development has produced one of the most energy efficient buildings in the United States. A guided tour of the facility will highlight all the components used to make the building Platinum LEED Certified. The building is attractive, open, economical, and one that enhances productivity while minimizing its environmental impacts.

4:30 PM Adjourn - Dinner on Your Own at one of the many local restaurants



Thursday, 6/25/09

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM Spritwood Energy Project – a Combined Heat Power Project for Industrial Development – Sandra Broekema, Great River Energy

Spiritwood Station, the first combined heat and power plant to be built in North Dakota is part of Spiritwood industrial park, a new \$500 million industrial complex in Jamestown, ND. The park includes an expanded Cargill malt processing plant; and a 99 megawatt coal-fired steam generating plant using the latest technology to power the enterprise. As the newest power plant in North Dakota in 25 years, Spiritwood Station will utilize best available control technologies, making it one of the cleanest coal-based power plants in the world. The power plant will use refined lignite from Great American Energy – processed utilizing innovative coal drying technology from Great River Energy's Coal Creek Station. The primary water source for Spiritwood Station will be wastewater from Cargill Malt.

9:30 AM Refreshment Break

9:45 AM EcoDev + RLF + EE = Sustainability

Learn about how the Minnesota G&T is structuring its RLF to meet current needs, promote sustainability, help businesses committed to like values as well as promote sustainable economic development. It's a business-to-business proposition that not only all electric cooperatives could study, but community funds and economic development funds as well. Using the money saved as an integral part of the credit analysis of loan recipients makes the loan fund more flexible, accountable and greener.

10:30 AM The Broadband Economy: The Rise of the Intelligent Community

Dakota Future, a private-public development corporation serving Dakota County, MN, has set an ambitious goal to receive recognition as a Top Seven Intelligent Community by the internationally recognized Intelligent Community Forum (www.intelligentcommunity.org). Dakota Future's executive director, Bill Coleman, will outline the Intelligent Community pillars of broadband; knowledge workers; innovation; digital inclusion; and marketing. He will summarize the process that Dakota Future will use to achieve its goal, beginning with an ongoing benchmarking process.

11:00 AM Green JOBZ Program: Green Economic Development

This statewide Action Plan was developed by the Green Jobs Task Force in order to optimize the growth of the green economy in Minnesota. The goal of the Action Plan ("Plan") is to propose initiatives that will encourage green economic development while staying consistent with five key environmental policies defined in Minnesota Statute. The Plan focuses on strategies to create employment opportunities in four industry sectors: Green Products, Renewable Energy, Green Services and Environmental Conservation.

11:45 AM Adjourn – Please Pick up a Box Lunch



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